

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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I am a general practitioner on the Sunshine Coast, and father to two young boys. Every day I see reckless use of personal mobility devices including e-scooters and e-bikes in my suburb of Birtinya, including high speed driving by users without any protective equipment, use of pedestrian footpaths to drive at high speed, and ferrying passengers. Most users appear to be high-school aged and often not even wearing a helmet. Colleagues of mine have seen children who have had fractured hips and head injuries. Furthermore I have today read about a string of local crimes committed against motorists while the offender was on an e-scooter, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] These devices are extremely dangerous and should require the same restrictions and safety standards as other motor vehicles such as motorbikes, in order to protect users, pedestrians and other motorists. As a GP I find it completely senseless that their use continues to appear to be unregulated, and sadly I am sure there will be more injury and tragedy until much stronger restrictions and enforcement of those restrictions begins.